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| For : PRINTING GROUPS |) | |
| OF A PRINTING MACHINE |) | |

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please amend the accompanying German language text of
PCT/EP2004/051376, filed July 7, 2004; published as WO 2005/067409 A2 and A3 on
January 27, 2005, and claiming priority to DE 103 31 595.0, filed July 11, 2003 and to
DE 103 52 616.1, filed November 11, 2003, the German language text forming the
entire specification and claims of the subject U.S. patent application, as filed, prior to an
examination of the application on the merits, and prior to the calculation of the filing fee,
as follows.